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Prince Edwards Island.

BY EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

While all the stamps of British America are popular, they have not all received the due amount of study which they merit. It often happens that the most collected stamps are the least studied. Everyone seems to think that his neighbor,not himself, should do the hard work which careful investigation needs. The writer has taken upon himself the task of compiling some information about the stamps of Prince Edward Island which, it is hoped will be of some interest. In passing it may be said that, although the postal emissions of this province are of considerable interest to the philatelic student, they are not particularly good as an investment.

The issues of the colony under discussion are undeniably ugly, which fact combined with the sale of remainders, does not materially tend to make them more pleasing to the average collectors. But on the other hand, they are neither speculative, commemorative nor for advertising purposes, and that covers a multitude of minor sins.

Credit is due for some of the subjoined information to some old philatelic papers, but the most of it has been gleaned by observation.

Of the pence issue the one, three and nine were printed in sheets of thirty each and the two-pence in sheets of one hundred.

All the stamps in this set are most prolific in varieties, a list of which follows:

One-penny—Full stop above L, in island. No cross bar to A in island.

Two-pence—Part of T in two broken making it look like inverted L. Full stop before T in two. The colored space before T in two broken forming white spot 1 mm. wide.

Three-pence—Beside these I will mention there are several other varieties found of different copies of this stamp but some of them are scarcely worth recognizing. A list of the most important ones follows: White circle with colored dot in center before P in

Prince. Full stop between E and D in Edward. Full stop after Edward in line with top of D between P and O in postage. In still others there is a full stop about half way between postage and island. This does not occur in every sheet.

Four-pence—In the diamonds at the sides of the design of this stamp are seen small ovals of which one at the right always has lines above and below. The left oval sometimes has them but more often it does not. The lines when present at all are very variable ranging from small dots to lines fully one-half mm. long.

Nine-pence—Two full stops one above and one below stg to the right. Stg. preceded but not followed by a full stop.

There are many reasons for thinking that all or a majority of the above varieties are secret marks made intentionally and not mere slips of the engraver. But, which ever they are, it is surely worth one's while to collect and study them.

The denominations of the cents issue appear to be free from these marks, with the exception of the two and three. In the former, sometimes part of the O in two broken and filled with color for the space of about one-third of a mm. The three cent, on five stamps out of every sheet of one hundred, has a full stop between the words Prince and Edward.

The stamps of this province have been forged extensively by a certain Boston party of ill repute among philatelists. Fortunately the imitation is so poor that the merest tyro could not be deceived by them, or that is what one would think. But nevertheless it is not a rare experience to find some fairly advanced collector cherishing as the star stamp of his collection a counterfeit of one of the rarer cancelled stamps of this island.. Still all that needs to be said on the subject of these forgeries is be careful, keep your eyes open and then you will be all right. Or at least that is my experience.

Illinois Notes.

BY SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.

Geo. C. Hartung, Chicago, Ills., states that he will publish the Illinois Philatelist.

A new journal has just appeared from Chicago called the "Monarch Monthly" devoted mostly to stamps. Subscription price 50c per year. Published by Monarch Stamp and

Pub. Co., 1132 Otto street., Chicago.

The sec-treas. pro tem of the new Priarie State Phil. Ass'n has skipped with all the funds of the society. His address was F. Haller, 1342 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago. C. W. Rothery, Omaha, Neb., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

I understand that a new publication is now underway. The publishers wish their name withheld. The new Journal will be called the Interstate Philatelist and will be devoted to the states of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Mr Alexander Holland, N. Y. city, will soon take up his residence in Chicago.

Chicago Branch, No. I, of the A. P. A., favors the Weekly Era for official organ and C. E. Severn, P. M. Woliseffer and S. S. Seland for directors.

Many Chicago collectors expect to attend the convention at Milwaukee.

F. N. Massoth & Co., Chicago, have purchased a large part of the stock of the Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis.

The above firm, Massoth & Co., have a larger and lighter office on the sixteenth floor of the Marquette building. The Chicago Philatelic Society has also moved its office to this room.

The Ideal Philatelist.

BY CLAUDE T. RENO.

We are living in an age when persons of all sorts and conditions are striving to place themselves on the highest pinnacle of success, and from the mounts of honest endeavor they see invitingly before them the peaks of idealty. The carpenter, the physician, the lawyer—all men seem to dwell in a state hard by on idealism and the meanest and lowest degraded r-ace tures still cherish some love for an ideal existence. To strive to attain an ideal state is to strive for the unattainable, but he who keeps one eye on idealty has in reality hitched his wagon to a star and is fast raising above his fellows.

There can be no ideal philatelist for there is no ideal philately but there is a state bordering so close on idealism that it is a worthy object of our flight. Philately is not at all unlike the many other things which we must contend with in this life and it too has its better and its more ill phases, and it is for the former that all efforts must be put forth to attain,

What is that state bordering on idealism and how that state can be reached is a topic worthy of consideration. There are many things to

overcome, There are a multitude of questions to be answered. There are a thousand difficulties to cope with before even the ideal state is visible. But when we finally rid ourselves of these things and are permitted to bask unmolested in the pure celestial sunlight of success and prosperity, then we shall have come to the desired state.

Let us then for a few moments consider some of the difficulties to be overcome before we can become really ideal. First of all we must be true philatelists. We must purchase stamps not for their mere value and gloat over them, considering merely their financial value and the money they represent. While it is essential to the hobby that prices be given some consideration, these values should not overshadow the better nature of the stamp. We must then study over stamps and use them for the purpose which true philatelists should in the truest and best sense of the word. Anyone can be a mere collector, a mere amasser of wee bits, but not everyone is, nor can every one become a true philatelist unless he gives both time and labor to the study and mastery of his stamps. We need more students and less collectors of stamps, and he that is perfecting himself to embark in an ideal sphere should be careful to give not a little time to the true study of stamps.

Again the ideal philatelist will be a member of at least one of the numerous societies which cluster about the fair goddess Philatelia, for while one can very well collect and study without these societies, they have nevertheless certain features which should be taken advantage of by every true philatelist. Moreover he must be a subscriber to at least three of the various stamp magazines. He should take one of the weeklys, Scott,s Journal and one or two of the numerous monthlys now issued. These publications should be selected with the view of securing a variety of matter, beside such as is sure of affording instruction and encouragement.

Besides this there should be, and in fact there must be, a general wideawakefulness about the true and ideal philatelist or he is doomed to miss the mark for which he aims. The world in general and the philatelic world in particular has little or no use for the plodder in its fields of labor and he is of but little use to any one, not even himself.

A great many more things could be suggested at this time, but as they are not so much in the line of suggestions and hints as the above few they can be profitably left to the striver to learn and discover for himself. But let us all make all possible effort to obtain the impossible—idealism, and be satisfied with the possible real idealty.

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REVIEW.

CLARK W. BROWN, Review Editor,
516 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Philatelic publishers wishing an impartial review, will please send a copy of their paper to the Review Editor.

New York Philatelist, Vol. 8, No. 3, contains an interesting article on "Some Philatelic Abuses." Another article entitled "Caution" advises dealers to omit their business card from envelopes to prevent losses in mail by interested postal clerks. The Fraud department is a new departure and should be read by all dealers and collectors who exchange duplicates. A large list is given of those who will attend 3rd convention of the E. S. P. S.

The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist, Vol. 23, No. II. The stamps of Saxony are treated in an article which also quotes from the Saxon postal tariff of 1850. Long list of pre-cancelled stamps.

Philatelic West and Camera News, Vol. 12, No 3. Illustrated with several cuts. Continued article on "Counterfeits and their Detection." This article treats of Brunswick and Baden Fiscal Department. Illustrations of various kinds of postmarks used in the U. S. at the present time. Postal card department. Stray notes. Curio department, etc.

Indiana Philatelist, Vol. 2, No. 1. Philadelphia notes. Review.

Adhesive, Vol. 1, No. 7. Stray notes on sheets of stamps. Philately in the country. Across our Album. London letter. Do post mark cancellations add value? Joys of stamp collecting. Extract from postmaster's report for 1862.

The Perforator, Vol. 17, No. 2. Stamps retrospective and prospective. History of the Philatelic Sons of America.

Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. 7, No. 3. A talk about shades. D. P. A. convention report. Boston notes. Photo department. Puzzle department.

Virginia Philatelist, Vol. 3, No. 11. Photo and write up of Charles Price Davis. Illustration of new shape envelope. Trading of duplicates. Illustration of two rare Confederate provisionals which were lost in mails Sept. 1899. Stamps that are getting rarer.

Ohio Philatelist, Vol. 2, Nos. 4-5.

Collector's Companion, Vol. 1, No. 10.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. 3, No. 1. New issues. Cook Island notes.

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C. E. Cooley, Sec-Treas. protem.

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W. C. Wendover, Librarian, P. T.

Fraud list received to date:
1. L. L. Gouter, Holly, Ohio.
2. Geo. W. Maynard, 2632 Champa st, Denver, Col.

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